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## Landscaping with Wildlife in Mind

It's finally spring, the time of year when the outdoor enthusiast in all of us is just bursting with energy to go, when those heavy winter clothes can at last be shed, and when nature's call ceases neither night nor day. For many of us, our own gardens are our nearest and dearest sources of contact with the outdoor world. Gardens provide a place to putter and mull, and an accessible and inexpensive source of therapeutic relaxation. We tend to this plant or that bed, trying to pretty things up according to our own aesthetic sense, letting our minds wander to the soil and the leaves, giving ourselves some mental freedom, even for just a precious little while.

But we need not be the only ones to benefit from our little patches of land. In fact, gardening can, on a small scale, be a process of re-creating bits of habitat for wildlife, helping to offset the many losses resulting from unsustainable development practices. It is true that small, isolated patches of nature here and there cannot replace the large-scale habitats that wildlife need for long-term survival. However, lending our yards to wildlife contributes to the development of corridors, allowing these animals to move between intact habitats, and reclaims areas that may have been unusable for wildlife for many years.

Be aware that not all gardens are alike in the eyes of our wild neighbours, and some work may need to be done to make your local landscape more inviting and useable for wildlife. So what makes a good wildlife garden? There are several elements to keep in mind when landscaping for wildlife. The three key needs of wild animals are food, shelter, and water. Planning a successful wildlife garden means ensuring that each of these different aspects is addressed.

Providing food for wildlife means choosing species for the garden not only based on their aesthetic or aromatic appeal. Plants that are native to your particular bioregion are far and away the best choice for wildlife. Local wildlife have adapted in tandem with these plants over millennia, so nothing is better suited to fulfilling their particular dietary needs. The types of food that these plants provide for wildlife vary. Nectar from a flowering shrub, berries from a vine, or nuts from a tree are all great sources of food for various species of wildlife throughout the growing season, and cones and buds provide important winter sustenance for hungry visitors. A good rule of thumb when establishing a wildlife garden is to choose plants such that food is available for wild animals somewhere in your garden throughout the year.

Providing shelter for wildlife adds a new dimension to the garden plan. Rather than considering your garden's layout only from the plan view, structure in the wildlife garden must be thought of from the ground up. Wildlife live in three dimensions. Vertical structure is important in determining the diversity of wildlife that can make use of your newly emerging habitat. Therefore, design your garden with several vertical layers: a herbaceous layer (wildflowers and grasses), a shrub layer, and a canopy layer (trees), if possible. While not all gardens can accommodate such possibilities, the more closely you can emulate the structural

diversity found in natural ecosystems, the more useful your garden will be to wildlife.

Ensuring that wildlife can find shelter in your garden also requires that you try to think in terms of texture and form. Evergreens provide shelter for those birds that stick around throughout the winter months. Shrubs and vines provide useful hiding spots for wildlife during the growing season. Tall grasses in the wildflower patch ensure that ground-dwelling wildlife, such as reptiles and amphibians, can carry-on in their own secretive way. If you're handy with a saw and hammer, you can add further function to your garden by providing nesting boxes and platforms.

For wildlife, as for all of us, water is the source of life. Too often, particularly in urbanized areas, wild animals are relegated to drinking and bathing in dirty (and often contaminated) water bodies, such as puddles. Providing a clean water source in your garden is a sure way to attract wildlife, and an important part of creating a well-rounded mini-habitat. A pond, waterfall, artificial stream or other large-scale water feature planted with native species will allow for the greatest number and diversity of wild animals to benefit.

However, even a birdbath (at least three feet above ground level, and well away from shrubbery or other structures in which marauding cats could hide) is a welcome addition to the wildlife garden. It is essential, however, that this water source be changed frequently, and that the dish be cleaned on a regular basis to avoid disease spread.

Gardening for wildlife may seem a little daunting at first, especially for those who may not think of themselves as having the greenest of thumbs. But for those of us who love the outdoors, who have a soft spot in our hearts for wildlife, and who have a sense of responsibility to give back to nature, gardening for wildlife is the ideal opportunity to make a real difference -- and right in our own backyards!

A few useful sources of information to get you started:

- [North American Native Plant Society web site](#)
- [Evergreen web site](#)
- [Society for Ecological Restoration \(Ontario chapter\) web site](#)
- [Wild Ones web site](#)
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## Women You Should Know

Compiled by Barbara Godin

*It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the earth and in the contemplation of her beauties to know the sense of wonder and humility.*

~ Rachel Carson

April 26, 1777 - **Sybil Ludington**, became an American Revolution heroine at the age of 16, when she rode 40 miles through the night warning the Connecticut countryside of invading British troops.

April 8, 1927 - **Lois Miriam Freeman Wilson**, born in Winnipeg, was the first woman moderator of the United Church in Canada. In 1965, she was ordained as a United Church Minister. As well, she was the first Canadian to serve as president of the World Council of Churches.

April 2, 1991 - **Rita Margaret Johnson** became the first woman in Canada to serve as the Premier of a province.

## BIRTHDAYS

April 13, 1866 - 1936 - **Ann Sullivan Macy** - Teacher of Helen Keller, a student who was blind and deaf. Their story titled *The Miracle Worker* was originally published in 1957. The story was made into a television movie and play. The play continues to be performed on stages all over the country. Gibson, W. (1957). *The miracle worker: A play for television*. New York: Alfred A Knopf.

April 9, 1888 - 1953 **Florence Price** - First Black woman symphony composer.

April 4, 1928 - **Maya Angelou** - Author and poet. Her books include, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and *Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem*. Angelou, M. (1972). *I know why the caged bird sings*. Bantam Books. Angelou, M. (2005). *Amazing peace: A Christmas poem*. Random House.

April 3, 1934 - **Jane Goodall** - Anthropologist, conservationist and world-renowned authority on chimpanzees. Ms. Goodall is the author of many books, including children's books. She has also produced many films depicting her ground-breaking studies.

## EVENTS

April 5, 1917 - Women in British Columbia gained the right to vote.

April 12, 1917 - Women in Ontario gained the right to vote.

April 7, 1987 - Opening of the Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC. This was the first museum devoted to women artists.

April 28, 1993 - The first "Take our Daughters to Work" day.

April 22, 2005 - Inaugural Earth Day in recognition of environmentalist **Rachel Carson**, who documented her brilliant work on the dangers of DDT in a book *Silent Spring*. Note: DDT is also known under the chemical names 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis(p-chlorophenyl)ethane and dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane (from which the abbreviation DDT was derived). Carson, R. (2002). *Silent spring*. Mariner Books.

# AUSU THIS MONTH

## Health Plan for AUSU Members - Announced



Finally, AUSU members can save on health and dental benefits in Canada!

Your council has struck a deal with Student Benefits Administrators, an affiliate of Ingle International and Imagine Financial Ltd., to provide great rates to AUSU members on their commercial insurance products. The program offers a range of a-la-carte insurance services that include coverage for prescriptions, dental work, eye care and more. This program differs from those offered by other universities and students' associations in these key areas:

- the plan is available not only to AUSU members, but to all members of their families;
- the coverage can supplement other health and/or dental coverage you have in place with different providers. For example, if you have 50% dental coverage through another plan, you could "top up" your total coverage to 100% of your dental expenses;
- the coverage is flexible, to meet the needs of mature students and students in different locales;
- the plan will not be administered by your students' council, rather coverage will be set up directly through Ingle International and Imagine Financial Ltd. and Group Medical Services, who will also provide access to 1-800 support and customer service;
- this is an opt-in plan. No one is required to purchase coverage.

**AUSU members who sign up for this program within 30 days of enrolment, or by May 31, 2006, are guaranteed coverage.**

If you opt out now but later decide you want the plan, you and your dependents (if applicable) will be asked medical questions and also have restrictions placed on your coverage should you qualify. Because this is not the limited, mandatory plan offered by many universities our rates may not be quite as low as some school plans, but our coverage options are considerably more extensive. While standard university plans are designed to provide coverage for single people in their late teens or early twenties all living in the same locale and beginning and ending studies at the same time, this plan can accommodate families and persons of all ages who study year round and live across Canada. Actual rates will vary depending on your age and location. Please visit our Health Plan web page at <http://www.ausu.org/services/healthinsurance.php> for more information and for all relevant contact information.

If you do not find your age group or location listed on the online rate sheets, or if you want additional coverage not listed with any of the plans, please call the insurer's toll-free line (the number is on the page listed above) and ask for more information about services not listed.

*\*AUSU has arranged for special rates for members. Tuition for AU undergrad courses includes an AUSU membership fee to cover the duration of the course plus six months. AUSU assumes no responsibility for the sale or administration of insurance services.*



# AU STUDENTS RUN TO HELP ABUSED WOMEN

## S.L.A.P. Update

*Here I am ready to write about training – so I spoke with my husband who gets the deer-in-the-headlights expression on his face after about tens minutes. This is when I realize that one person's obsession can be another person's instrument of boredom. Since the intent is not to inflict boredom, I think I should mix it up with some other "firsts" this group is dealing with.*

*When we began this venture the idea was to raise funds for our shelter and to challenge ourselves with an event that would bring a sense of unity to a group of completely diverse individuals. The physical training schedules are as different as the women involved and reflect the sections that each runner is committed to doing. I will write more on this in later weeks.*

*What is truly amazing is the organizational structure that has been put in place by a group of volunteers, from scratch. I believe that because of this we will be successful in our goals of bringing forward awareness of domestic violence and raising funds for the shelter. While all of us are committed, community spirited people this is the first time we have conceived/dreamed of an opportunity and implemented a plan to make it reality. That is the true gift that this event has given all of us; the ability to become the difference.*

*By the way, my training is going well. I did my first long run on Friday – 16 km in 1 hr and 45 minutes not bad for a beginning time. I ran watching the sunrise reflecting on the mountains...  
GO DEATH RACER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

*Kim*

We are five normal, everyday ladies, all mums and two grandmothers, in training for this year's *Canadian Death Race*, a gruelling endurance race of 125km spanning over 24 hours and covering three mountains in Grande Cache, Alberta.

Why would we put ourselves through this? To raise money for Eagle Women's Emergency Shelter in the Foothills of Alberta, raise awareness, and help stamp out domestic violence. We have never tried anything like this but feel very strongly that domestic violence is out of control and needs to be addressed. Now.

It's a frightening fact that almost everyone knows someone who has been a victim of either physical or mental domestic abuse. We believe that increased exposure can help make victims aware that there are numbers they can call for help, and there is no need to suffer any longer. We also feel that domestic abuse and violence is a taboo subject that no one likes to acknowledge and this needs to change. Victims feel

humiliated and ashamed and we need to let them know it is ok to talk to someone and to get help.

We are now in full training for the race, and although before this all any of us had ever run was a bath and a temperature, we are determined to do as much as we can to help stop domestic violence. This is a very hard and gruelling race, but with the help and support from each other we hope to complete it and to raise as much money as possible for the shelter. If our hard work only helps one person get out of a frightening situation and gives them the strength to rebuild their life, then it will all have been worth it. Our team name is SLAP - Stop Letting Abuse Prevail. We have a team website with photos and information on each runner and about the shelter: [www.runforsafety.bravehost.com](http://www.runforsafety.bravehost.com)

We hope you will support us in our quest to stop domestic violence. The race takes place on the August long weekend, beginning Saturday the 5th at 8am and ending Sunday the 6th at 8am. Only 19 weeks to go!!! AU student, mother and death-racer, Kim Anderson.





*Dear Barb:*

*For the last little while I've had a rash on my leg. At first, I thought it was a patch of dry skin. I kept putting cream on it, but nothing seemed to help. I finally went to the doctor. I have always been a person who spent time in the sun. So, I was devastated when I was diagnosed with Bowen's Disease. I don't really have a question. I was just wondering if you could do a column on this condition so others could be informed of the dangers of the sun. Thanks.*

*Charlene in Burlington*

Hi Charlene. Until I received your letter, I had never heard of Bowen's Disease. However, I was able to find a lot of information about this disease.

Wikipedia provides the following description of Bowen's Disease:

"Bowen's disease is a sunlight-induced skin disease, considered either as an early stage or intraepidermal form of squamous cell carcinoma. It was named after Dr. John T. Bowen, the doctor who first described it in 1912."

As stated, Bowen's Disease is a type of skin cancer that usually appears on sun-exposed skin. The most common site for a lesion is on the lower leg, but it can occur anywhere on the body. Bowen's Disease is a form of squamous cell carcinoma, which is the second most common form of skin cancer. The condition frequently appears on fair skinned individuals who have spent time in the sun or in a tanning booth.

The cancer cells in Bowen's Disease are localized to the affected patch of skin, which means the cells are not likely to have spread to other organs. However, if it is left untreated, it can spread to the lymph nodes.

The lesion's appear as a crusty scaly patch that grows larger over time. It may be itchy or oozy. It may be red or brown in colour. The edges of the area are generally irregular. This condition rarely occurs before the age of 30. It affects women significantly more often than men.

If Bowen's Disease is suspected, a biopsy must be done to confirm the diagnosis. The most common treatment is to surgically remove the lesion, as well as a quarter inch around it to ensure the entire area affected has been removed. If a person is not able to undergo this type of surgery, the area can be removed using liquid nitrogen or through a laser treatment. The most important aspect to this disease is to have the area removed as soon as possible. As well, to prevent reoccurrences, it is recommended that further sun exposure be avoided and a broad-spectrum sun screen be applied daily.

Thanks for writing in Charlene. I'm sure others will benefit from learning about this disease.

Further information about skin cancer, including preventative measures, can be found on the [Canadian Cancer Society's web site](#).

*E-mail your questions to [advice.voice@ausu.org](mailto:advice.voice@ausu.org). Some submissions may be edited for length or to protect confidentiality: your real name and location will never be printed. This column is for entertainment only. The author is not a professional counsellor and this column is not intended to take the place of professional advice.*



From  
Where  
I Sit

Hazel Anaka

## #@\$#@ Telus

Every so often people are horrified by a disgruntled employee who goes *postal*. Let's just say, I'm one disgruntled customer who could go *telus* at any moment.

Let me set the stage. While I've been slower than some to embrace the technology, I've accepted the fact that I can either get onto the information highway or I can be road-kill. It is one or the other, so I've chosen to embrace the technology. I now have an e-commerce website. I make writing submissions via email. I do research on the Internet. I also live on a farm near Andrew, Alberta. Telus is my only choice for telephone service provider. They provide me with an email account that is not web-based. If Telus has a problem -- I've got a problem.

I should've kept a log of who I talked to and what they said since I began calling tech support every few days since March 31st. First, a person has to get through that psycho-recorded menu message with an oh-so-patient woman who just wants to help. I've taken to screaming "agent -- tech support -- dial-up" like a crazy person just so I don't have to listen to her asinine questions and cheerful attitude. I've called at least eight times for help. That's not counting the times I try to send and receive email, get an error message and just give up.

I suspect these tech support people get more training in defusing angry customers, repeating the same scripted answers, and giving as little information as possible, than they do on actual tech stuff. I am a cool, calm and collected personality type who doesn't believe in shooting the messenger or blaming the wrong person for a problem. However, do not lie to me, don't take me for a fool, don't BS me, and do not use my name three times in each sentence. Just fix the damn thing and tell me the truth!

Here's the routine. Describe the problem. Go into Outlook Express tools, properties, servers and change the outgoing server from smtp to mail (or vice versa depending on the day and person helping me). Grill me about my virus protection and try to blame it on that. Tell me to use web-mail at [mytelus.net](http://mytelus.net). Only when I get an edge in my voice do some of the these workers admit that Telus' server was down, work is progressing, yes service is

intermittent in my area, and it should be back in order by the end of the week. That I can accept and live with. Then I know it's not me or my computer. We all suffer equally. Let's not play the game of tinkering with the settings and suggesting web-mail is the answer to my prayers just to shut me up and get me off of the line. Tell me the truth. And fix the damn problem! And get those tech people off valium!

I tried to get high-speed service installed to ease the web surfing frustration and lost connections. However, I learned the 40-year-old row of spruce trees between me and the tower makes it impossible at this time. Some days road kill doesn't look so bad, from where I sit.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS DESK

What's new here and around the world

Mandy Gardner



## Six Nations Land Claim Dispute Reaches Climax After 156 Years

Mandy Gardner

A sign on the site reads, "Oh Canada - your home on native land" (CBC News, April 20, 2006). Hundreds of protesters in support of a Six Nations land dispute have gathered on the site in question, currently scheduled for the construction of new homes courtesy of Henco Industries. The Haldimand lands near Hamilton, Ontario, were set aside as a Native reserve in 1784 as a reward for the Native peoples' loyalty to the British Crown during the American Revolution. Since then, part of the land has been gradually sold off to the Canadian government and subsequently to private investors, namely for the creation of Plank Road (now Highway 6). The point in this dispute arose on January 18, 1841 when the Six Nations chiefs agreed to the surrender of all lands outside a mutually determined reserve, something that many Six National Natives believed was the product of coercion. It is also widely believed that a land sale was never agreed to, but instead it was a lease agreement between parties. These claims form the basis of recent Native

protests in the Haldimand area.

Protestors have blocked the railway that runs across the disputed area, causing CN Rail to halt transport and Via Rail to employ a shuttle service. The disruption has resulted in a court order for protesters to disperse from the area or be found guilty of contempt. They have not left the site, where earlier about 45 protesters were forcibly driven away by the Ontario Provincial Police bearing Taser guns during a pre-dawn raid. Several of the protesters present at the police raid were arrested and released soon afterwards.

In response to the court order, the Clan Mothers of the Six Nations have issued a statement demanding that they be treated as a separate nation from Canada. The following text is quoted from the [American Indian Movement of Colorado web page](#) publishing an email received from Angela Sterritt, Gitksan Nation, Justice for Girls, International Indigenous Youth Conference Secretariat.

The Women, being Title Holders to all lands of Turtle Island, assert our constitutional jurisdiction over the Haldimand Tract. We have never and cannot ever give up our land or our sovereignty.

1. The Six Nations are distinct original nations. We are to be dealt with on a nation-to-nation basis by the Crown and all other nations.
2. The Crown must respect our original relationship as set out in the Two Row Wampum, our jurisdiction as provided in our constitution, the Kaiannereh'ko:wa, and as respected by Sections 109 and 132 of the BNA [British North America] Act, 1867 and according to international covenants that Canada has signed.
3. We are to be dealt with on a nation-to-nation basis, as was the custom before Canada separated from the British Empire. Respect for the independent international status of the Six Nations by Canada was established before Canada achieved recognition as a state or gained the ability to sign treaties on its own. The independent international identity of the Six Nations identity has never been legally extinguished.
4. The band councils were established with procedures that violated international law. They continue to function as colonising institutions. We have never consented to their establishment nor their representing us.



5. Canada and all its politicians, bureaucrats, agents, assignees and appointees should cease and desist immediately their attempt to criminalize and apprehend our people for defending what is rightfully ours, the land to which we hold title. Any further action by Canada, Ontario and their agents shall be viewed as being a direct violation of the Two Row Wampum, the constitutional accord between the Rotino'shon:ni and Canada and international law.

6. The claims of Canada and the province of Ontario to have a right to legislate for the Rotino'shon:ni Six Nations and to grant private title to our land has no foundation in law.

The protesters are being supported by other Native groups throughout Canada, namely the Mohawk group in Montreal and Native groups in the United States. Discussion between protesters and Ontario government officials are ongoing.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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The 2006 Retail as a Career Scholarship Program is in full swing. Developed in conjunction with leading Canadian retailers, the Retail as a Career Scholarship Program is open to post-secondary students interested in a career in the retail industry. RCC will award twenty \$1,000 scholarships to provide financial assistance to committed and deserving students who are pursuing an education in retail or business related post-secondary program.

20 winners will be selected and will receive their awards at STORE 2006 - Canada's retail conference, taking place June 5 & 6, 2006. All travel and accommodation will be provided, as well as full delegate passes to the conference - a fantastic opportunity for you to meet with executives and see how the industry really works!

Web site: <http://www.retaileducation.ca/cms/sitem.cfm/scholarship>

## CBIE INTERNATIONAL LEARNING GRANTS

Academic Year 2005/06

Application deadline: April 22, 2005

The CBIE International Learning Grants (ILG) promote international education and international relations careers. ILG allow undergraduate students to finance the costs associated with international learning, e.g. travel and living costs.

Interested candidates must complete and forward to CBIE by April 22, 2005, an online application form along with supporting documents as outlined in the Guidelines of the program. (Please read the Guidelines before submitting your application form.)

Application Form

Website: [http://www.cbie.ca/download/grants/ILGguidelines\\_and\\_application0506-en.pdf](http://www.cbie.ca/download/grants/ILGguidelines_and_application0506-en.pdf)



# Voice Events Listings

On and off campus events worldwide

To list events in your area, e-mail [voice@ausu.org](mailto:voice@ausu.org) with "events" in the subject line.

## british columbia

### SPRING THEATRE CLASSES

Feburary 06 to May 01, 2006 - Kelowna, BC  
Kelowna Actors Studio - Ticket Prices very reasonable  
Kelowna Actors Studio - 250-862-2867  
[info@kelownaactorsstudio.com](mailto:info@kelownaactorsstudio.com)  
<http://www.KelownaActorsStudio.com>

### SEINENDAN THEATRE COMPANY OF JAPAN

March 10 to August 11 - 8:00 PM - Victoria, BC  
Metro Studio - Ticket Prices - All seats \$18  
(250) 383-2663 - [info@intrepidtheatre.com](mailto:info@intrepidtheatre.com)  
<http://www.intrepidtheatre.com>

## ontario

### THEATRE IN THE TREES"LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS"

on now to April 29, 2006  
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM  
Guelph, ON - The Arboretum Centre

Ticket Prices - \$53.00 / person inclusive for buffet dinner and performance. Cash Bar available.  
519-824-4120 ext. 54110 [arbor@uoguelph.ca](mailto:arbor@uoguelph.ca)  
<http://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum>

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" is an American comedy. It runs every Saturday except Easter Weekend.

### SCIENCE SATURDAYS WITH MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

January 22 to May 28, 2006 - Hamilton, ON

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Hamilton Children's Museum

Adults - \$1.00 - Children - \$3.00

905-546-4848 - [childrensmuseum@hamilton.ca](mailto:childrensmuseum@hamilton.ca)

McMaster University science students provide hands-on science activities for children and families. Venture Physics and Let's Talk Science Team bring along "the punky physics roller coaster" and other creative science demonstrations and activities. DATES: Saturdays, March 12, 19 & 26; April 16 & 30; May 21 & 28. 6 yrs and up

## maritimes

### ST. JOHN'S CIRCUS: GROUP PRACTICE

St Johns, NF - Tuesdays - Mun Athletics building - FREE  
<http://nick.wirelesszero.net/cgi-bin/juggling/YaBB.cgi>  
Everyone's a Star! Juggling, Unicycling, Magic, Clowning, Poi, Diabolo, Fire, and whatever YOUR skill(s) is!  
Tues At 7:00 PM - Thurs At 7:00 PM - Sat At 2:00 PM  
Sessions usually run about 3 hrs...

### 123 SENSE

St Johns, NF - Saturdays - 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Eastern Edge Gallery, 72 Harbour Drive  
free - 709-739-1882 - <http://www.easternedge.ca>  
Jean Klimack (Winnipeg); Dave Yonge (B.C); Tania Lewis (NY/Newfoundland)  
These three artists present in different mediums (video, drawing and photography) odd senses of the everyday, urban myths and gentrification.

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*Contributed by Lonita Fraser*

#### **CONTINENTAL DEFENCE: POLICIES, THREATS AND ARCHITECTURE**

May 4 - 6 2006 - Calgary

[njmackie@ucalgary.ca](mailto:njmackie@ucalgary.ca)

<http://www.cmss.ucalgary.ca/conferences/continentaldefence>

This conference will follow shortly after the report of the Binational Planning Group on the renegotiation of NORAD, and the emergence of Canada Command as a working organisation. These events foreshadow major changes in Continental Defence and the security relationship between Canada and the United States. They will draw public attention to these topics in a way that has not happened for two generations. This conference will bring together major figures from the Canadian and United States military, alongside leading public and academic commentators. It will address all aspects of Continental Defence, with topics ranging from the future of American-Canadian defence relations to the issue of strategic threat to North America. All Persons planning to attend must register in advance! All fees are quoted in Canadian dollars Includes 3 Lunches (May 4, 5, 6) and one dinner (May 5), all sessions, all coffee breaks, conference package.

Until April 1 - \$294.25 (\$275 + \$19.25 GST)

As of April 1st - \$347.75 (\$325 + \$22.75 GST)

You may register by credit card, cheque or by invoice.

#### **27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON LEGAL ISSUES OF EDUCATING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

April 30 - May 3, 2006

Orlando, FL, USA

Please visit [www.lrpconferences.com](http://www.lrpconferences.com) or call toll-free 1-800-727-1227 for more information.

#### **ANCIENT SCIENCE & MODERN SECRETS CONFERENCE**

May 5 - 7, 2006 - Kempton, Illinois, USA

<http://www.wexclub.com/pages/events.html>

##### **Guest Speakers**

David Hatcher Childress: Atlantis, Mu & the Power System of the Gods

William Henry: The Oracle of the Illuminati

Joseph Farrell: The SS Brotherhood of the Bell & the Reich of the Black Sun

Christopher Dunn: Evidence of Ancient Machining

Kenn Thomas: Parapolitics and Modern Conspiracy

Jerry Smith: The Spear of Destiny in History & Legend

Sesh Heri: Nikola Tesla & the Wonder of the Worlds

and more discussion between speakers and other special guests.

##### **Conference Costs**

\$120; \$50 for a.m presentations only (includes lunch); \$65 for p.m. presentations only (includes dinner).

\$25 per any session (excluding any meals); Drinks and tipping are extra; The bar is a cash bar.

Accommodations are not included in the conference fee. Call 1-815-253-9000 to book a room at the B&B's (they fill up early). <http://www.wexclub.com/pages/events.html>. For information on the conference or on accommodations, call WEX at 815-253-9000, or Adventures Unlimited at 815-253-6390 Mon.-Sat., 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

#### **PAEDIATRIC UPDATE 2006**

May 1 - 6, 2006 - Toronto

<http://www.cme.utoronto.ca>

This 6 day paediatric conference provides current evidence based clinical information in a variety of learning formats, including a full APLS course, workshops and lectures on neonatal transport, sedation, emergency medicine, dermatology and much more. Intermediate to Advanced level of Continuing Medical Education - MainCert, MainPro and AMA credits.

#### **GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY**

May 3, 2006 - Blacksburg, VA, USA

<http://www.conted.vt.edu/introge/>

Gastrointestinal Endoscopy - Beginning Level - is scheduled for May 3-5, 2006 on the Virginia Tech Campus. This intensive endoscopy course will consist of 12 hours of classroom instruction and 12 hours of hands-on laboratory instruction. It is intended for Veterinarians that either have no endoscopic experience or limited (20 cases) endoscopic experience. Didactic instruction will be supplemented with case material demonstrating where endoscopy is useful in diagnosing GI cases. The registration fee of \$2,850 includes lodging May 2 through May 4, lectures and clinical laboratory, handouts, reception and dinner on Wednesday and Thursday evening in addition to a CEU Certificate.

#### **DEVELOPING & OPERATING UPSCALE HOSPITAL FACILITIES AND PATIENT SERVICES**

May 4 - 5, 2006 - Palo Alto, CA, USA

<http://www.acius.net>

Network with executives in the healthcare industry that are looking to develop a more "luxurious hotel" like setting. Featuring an on-site tour of Stanford University Medical Center. Hear live case studies presented by Celebration Health, Johns Hopkins, NY Presbyterian, UCSF, University of Cleveland and many more.....

#### **PRACTICAL ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING**

May 21 - 26, 2006 - Yosemite National Park, CA, USA

<http://www.cme.ucsf.edu>

The goal of this five-day course is to provide the practicing diagnostic radiologist with a practical and up-to-date review of recent advances in diagnostic imaging. This will include presentations on the current imaging techniques for the evaluation of diseases of the central nervous system, chest, abdomen, musculoskeletal system as well as current approaches to breast imaging.

#### **CANCER, CULTURE & LITERACY: SOLUTIONS ADDRESSING HEALTH DISPARITIES THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, 5TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

May 18 - 20, 2006 - Clearwater Beach, FL, USA

[http://www.moffitt.usf.edu/about\\_moffitt/calendar/events/200605.asp](http://www.moffitt.usf.edu/about_moffitt/calendar/events/200605.asp)

Our conference focuses on conceptual and methodological issues in community-based participatory research (CBPR) for creating solutions for impacting health disparities related to cancer, culture and literacy. The overall goal of this conference is to improve the care across the continuum of cancer control by providing and enhancing research strategies and skills of participants to better introduce culture and literacy components into the development of effective cancer communications and research. Participants and presenters will exchange and disseminate information relevant to communications in cancer control, and they will be challenged to rethink, refine and enhance their approaches in research. Participants will experience: presentations by keynote speakers, general discussions, poster presentations, break-out sessions, breakfast roundtable discussions and pre-conference skill-building workshops.

#### **U.S. EPA SCIENCE FORUM 2006**

May 16 - 18, 2006 - Washington, D.C. USA

Your Health, Your Environment, Your Future

This year's Forum highlights advances in risk assessment science, investigates the relationship between the environment and public health, and examines the complementary roles of Federal public health agencies.

[epa.gov/scienceforum](http://epa.gov/scienceforum). There is no registration fee to attend the EPA Science Forum. Once you register online, you will receive a confirmation email with additional logistical information within one business day. For More Information please contact:



Alina Martin - (703) 318-4678 - [tcs-events@saic.com](mailto:tcs-events@saic.com)

#### **DEPLOYABLE MEDICINE CONFERENCE**

May 15 - 17, 2006 - Washington D.C USA

<http://www.marcusevans.com>

Key Issues to be Addressed:

- Analyzing current and future developments in deployable medicine
- Effective conduct of forward surgical units and hospital wings
- Leveraging technology to assist in casualty treatment

#### **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OF INTRAMURAL RESEARCH**

May 11 - 12, 2006

Bethesda, Maryland, USA

<http://intramural.nimh.nih.gov/ResearchFestival/>

In addition to the scientific agenda, students will be given opportunities to meet with current post-doctoral Fellows and NIMH Scientists to discuss the science being conducted throughout the Division of Intramural Research Programs in an informal environment.

#### **DISEASE MANAGEMENT COLLOQUIUM**

May 10 - 12, 2006 - Philadelphia PA USA

<http://www.dmconferences.com>

The Disease Management Colloquium presents case studies of disease management efforts in a variety of settings. The Colloquium explores the role of disease management as it affects Medicare, Medicaid, the commercially insured, and the under- and uninsured; the role of evidence-based medicine; the use of incentives for physician and consumers; new tools and techniques; innovations by health plans and disease management companies; and key legislative and policy issues affecting the future of disease management.

The Colloquium seeks to better educate government agencies, the health care industry (including health plans and providers), employers, and the general public about the important role disease management programs play in improving health care quality and outcomes for persons subject to chronic conditions.

#### **THE 5TH ANNUAL HAWAII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL SCIENCES**

May 31 - June 3, 2006 - Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

<http://www.hicsocial.org>

The main goal of the 2006 Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences is to provide an opportunity for academicians and professionals from various social sciences related fields from all over the world to come together and learn from each other. An additional goal of the conference is to provide a place for academicians and professionals with cross-disciplinary interests related to social sciences to meet and interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines.

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